

**San Jose Animal Advisory Committee Meeting – February 16, 2011**  
**Meeting Called to Order 6:40 pm.**

**1. Approval of Minutes**

Members accepted and approved minutes from August 26, 2010 meeting.

**2. Public Comments**

In addition to shelter staff, committee attendance included Patricia Watson, Roxanne Hetzel, Janet Alexander, Cathy Grovenburg (PAWS), Melissa Lisbon and Jerry Burge. Allan Hummel and Ann Wondolowski were absent. It was agreed that Melissa Lisbon would assume position of secretary due to multiple absences of previous secretary, Ann Wondolowski. Due to committee policy re: attendance, Ann is no longer a committee member.

**3. New Business**

Members were given summary of recent Feline Summit sponsored and held at SJACS on January 11, 2011. Approximately 10 different local cat rescue groups were represented at the summit and the discussion centered around how to prepare for the inevitable flow of kittens into the shelter this season. Summit attendees were asked to help prioritize from a list of issues. Shelter Manager, Staycee Dains is coordinating responses and follow up with rescue group representatives. The event was deemed successful and although there are no plans for a follow up meeting at this time, this is being considered.

**4. Old Business**

With regard to previous discussions regarding establishing an education program promoting the shelter efforts and compassion toward animals, PAWS president Cathy Grovenburg met with HSSV educational representative (Jamie Allen) to review their program to determine possible overlap.

**5. PAWS for SJACS Report**

Cathy Grovenburg, the PAWS President gave her report. She gave an overview of PAWS and its programs and activities. PAWS has raised \$8,000 for animals at the shelter. Some of PAWS recent activities included coordinating efforts to transport SJACS shelter dogs and puppies to an Oregon animal rescue group where all were adopted and transporting cats saved from a hoarding situation to the Best Friends Sanctuary in Utah. PAWS continues to contribute to enrich shelter animal lives by providing cat scratchers, Feliway and dog treats ( <http://www.paws4sjacs.org/2011/02/16/were-off-to-a-good-start-helping-enrich-animals-lives-in-2011/>) PAWS participated in the SJACS Adopt-a-thon at the shelter, and recently engaged in community outreach at NetApp in Sunnyvale. PAWS is in the process of setting up meetings with various shelter staff to discuss additional ways PAWS can support the shelter. They also participated in the shelter's Feline Summit in January.

## **6. Proposed Modifications to San Jose Municipal Codes**

Jon Cicirelli reviewed a list of proposed changes in language to existing San Jose Municipal Codes affecting animals. Proposed changes were discussed as they related to the category of “dangerous dogs” as well as overall changes to language relating to “care and conditions”. This topic included more detailed language regarding grooming, setting some guidelines regarding accumulation of feces/urine in yard, goats/sheep weed abatement notification and clarification of language related to euthanasia as it relates to wild animal trapping. There was discussion over wordsmith issues, but proposed changes were thoroughly explained and will be reviewed by City attorney/s prior to being submitted to the City Council for approval. Miscellaneous proposed changes included providing the City Manager with authority re: license amnesty, allowing for ongoing animal events to be covered under existing permit requirements, and updating licensing procedures to allow for electronic transmissions were also reviewed. Other possible changes relating to barking/noise and pros/cons of implementing a “reckless owner law” modeled after Omaha law were briefly discussed.

## **7. Shelter Director’s Semi-Annual Report**

Jon gave out the draft hard copy of the semi-annual report which will be presented to the Neighborhood Services & Education Committee on 3/10/2011. Due to time limitations, members were asked to review document and email Jon with any questions (cc: full committee).

## **8. Mission Statment**

Shelter is reworking mission statement. A copy of proposed language was provided to committee.

## **9. Date of Next Meeting Set**

The date of the next SJACS meeting was set for Wednesday April 20, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. This will likely be a public hearing meeting to talk about the proposed municipal code changes.

## **10. Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted, February 16, 2011,  
Melissa Lisbon, Secretary, San Jose Animal Advisory Committee